

# State Trauma Advisory Committee

## December 17, 2014

### 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## Minutes

## Attendees

### Committee Chair


 Robert Mackersie, MD, FACS

### Committee Vice-Chair

 Joe Barger, MD, FACS

### Regional Trauma Coordinating Committees Members


 David Shatz, MD

 Fred Claridge

 James Davis, MD, FACS

☐ Nancy Lapolla, MPH

 John Steele, MD, FACS

 Rick Kline, MD, FACS

### Local EMS Agency Members

 Cathy Chidester, RN, MSN

 Dan Lynch

 Jay Goldman, MD, FACEP

### Constituent Members


 BJ Bartleson

☐ H. Gill Cryer, MD, PhD


☐ Ray Johnson, MD, FACEP

 Jan Serrano, RN

 Robert Dimand, MD

 Ken Miller, MD, FACEP

 Myron Smith, EMT-P

 Lynn Bennink, RN  
(guest)

### At-Large Members

 Joe Barger, MD

 Chris Newton, MD

### State of California – EMS Authority Staff

☐ Daniel R. Smiley

☐ Tom McGinnis, EMT-P

☐ Farid Nasr, MD

 Howard Backer, MD, FACEP

 Bonnie Sinz, RN

## Minutes

### A. Introductions

All members introduced.

### B. Minutes of September 15, 2014

Minutes approved as written

## Standing Agenda Items

### C. Update of EMS Authority Systems Division – Bonnie/Tom

- EMSA staff for trauma program continues with Bonnie as lead and Farid as back-up
- Hired new Data/PI Manager (Kathy Bissell) to oversee the Data Program and Quality Improvement; she is jumping in with both feet and comes to us with quite a bit of data experience
- Adam Davis will be the HIE Coordinator (interim) as well as the PI Coordinator
- Marie Alisangco has been hired as our Data Analyst and comes to us with Trauma Registrar experience
- Kim Lew is new to us as the Grant Coordinator and comes to us with years of grant experience.
- Part time Epidemiologist (shared with CDPH) to work on analysis of CEMSIS data (EMS and Trauma); working on matching capabilities between OSHPD, SWITRS, and CEMSIS; developing a “report card” for the LEMSAs to show how well the Trauma Centers are completing certain fields
- Monterey County will be designating Natividad Hospital as a new Level II Trauma Center in January 2015.

### D. RTCC Updates

South West – Cathy Chidester

- Hosted Grand Rounds in October with presentation of regional cases
- Gill Cryer (UCLA) and Katy Haddock (Ventura EMS) will co-chair the RTCC
- Developing information packet about the region showing resources and contact information
- Suggestion given to mirror the Grand Rounds process at the next Summit to shop positive regional progress in the RTCC

South East – John Steele

- Main project was providing education for Imperial County EMS and trauma partners including case studies; excellent participation

Central – Jim Davis

- Next face-to-face meeting January 20<sup>th</sup> 3-6 pm
- Reviewing re-triage guidelines
- Working on co-morbidities and geriatric protocol

Bay Area – Rick Kline

- Running data reports showing volumes and other evaluation fields
- Preparing regional re-triage and transfer data reports to look at trends
- Adding data elements to regional data to provide a better “picture”
- LEMSAs bring select cases for discussion
- LEMSAs reviewing local TAC process to work on consistency

**Action: Bonnie to summarize local TAC processes through Trauma Plan review DONE**

North – David Shatz

- Next meeting January 7<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento
- Developing transfer/re-triage guidance with poster to be sent to all hospitals in region
- Developing spine immobilization and chest decompression standard for the region
- Working to reduce air transport times
- UCD working with San Joaquin County; on Trauma Advisory Committee
  - Changing neuro destination policy for county

### E. State Trauma Plan Status

- Final draft was given to the Health and Human Services Secretary’s staff for final review.
- On schedule for March 18, 2015 EMS Commission meeting
- Not sure if it will need Secretary’s or Governor’s signature

**Action: Send copy of Trauma Plan to Dan Marguiles (Commissioner) DONE**

### F. Trauma 2015

- **San Diego May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>; San Francisco June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- As the conference will be in two locations we are going to have a different title (to be determined)
- Will be looking at how California can move to the next step as a State Trauma System; will invite ACS to discuss necessary system components; possible system consultation
- Looking at case reviews with statewide implications
- RTCC reports showing major projects and subsequent analysis
- Second ½ day will be for system and Trauma Center managers/directors to brainstorm on how we give the new State Trauma Plan “power”; keep the dust off the cover and get the objectives accomplished; the agenda for this session is yet to be determined
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## **F. New Work Groups**

### Retriage and Regional Network Work Group

- Looking at “red box” re-triage criteria
- Some members are concerned about EMTALA issues; as this is an emergent emergency department to emergency department “transfer” EMTALA does not apply
- The majority believe calls to receiving Trauma Center is a “curtesy” and should happen so that the receiving trauma surgeon knows what to expect; permissions not needed
- STAC thought it would be best to get an “official” answer

### **Action: Farid to look into process for an answer, i.e. CMS, State Counsel**

- There is some concern that hospitals may send lower level trauma through this process – need to build in some assurances

### Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Work Group

- Finishing the final draft of the PIPS Plan
- Working on core measures
- Next step will be to test the measures with CEMSIS

## **New Agenda Items**

## **G. Review of Changes from the ACS “Orange Book”**

- Anesthesia in house coverage changes for Level II; expect to have issues
- Working on FAQs
- Improved language in pediatric section
- More information for Level IVs

## **H. Review and Possible Revision of EMSA #194**

Plan to review through emails; don’t expect much revision

### **Action: Bonnie to send out the document via email for review DONE 12/31/14**

## **I. Next Meetings**

Will use doodle if needed

February 23<sup>rd</sup> looks good for most for a Sacramento face-to-face – will confirm with Bob